

SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION 13

By Haile

A RESOLUTION to honor and congratulate Donald W. Bandy
upon being named Sumner Countian of the
Year.

WHEREAS, it is fitting that this General Assembly should honor those outstanding law enforcement professionals who have served this State with the utmost expertise, dedication, and integrity; and

WHEREAS, Donald W. "Don" Bandy, chief of police of the Gallatin Police Department, is one such estimable person who was recently named Sumner Countian of the Year; and

WHEREAS, a lifelong resident of Gallatin, Don Bandy is a 1985 graduate of Gallatin High School. He received a Bachelor of Science degree from Bethel University's College of Criminal Justice, attended the Tennessee Law Enforcement Training Academy, and graduated from the 332nd class of the School of Police Staff and Command of Northwestern University; and

WHEREAS, he began his career in law enforcement with the Sumner County Sheriff's Office in 1992; having served with distinction as a Gallatin police officer since 2001, he was promoted to the post of chief of police in 2011; and

WHEREAS, throughout his illustrious career, Chief Bandy has demonstrated a strong commitment to professionalism and a stalwart dedication to law enforcement; and

WHEREAS, a gentleman who evidences character, honor, and integrity in all his endeavors, Chief Bandy has worked with purpose and conviction to instill these qualities into the officers and other employees under his charge, always raising the bar for himself and his community; and

WHEREAS, a staunch supporter of transparency, Don Bandy sought funding to equip all police officers within the department with body cameras as a means of fostering closer relationships with members of the community; and

WHEREAS, in addition to his role as chief of police, he serves as a board member of the Tennessee Association of Chiefs of Police and the 18th Judicial Drug Task Force, and he is also a member and past president of the Fraternal Order of Police Lodge #65; and

WHEREAS, Don Bandy is most appreciative of the love and support he shares with his wife, Tiffany, and their two sons, Noah and Nick; and

WHEREAS, truly a respected and admired figure in the law enforcement community, Chief Bandy is most appreciative of his officers and their families for their support and sacrifice in preserving public safety and welfare; and

WHEREAS, Chief Don Bandy has distinguished himself as an outstanding member of his community, and he should be specially recognized; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE ONE HUNDRED TENTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES CONCURRING, that we honor and congratulate Donald W. Bandy, chief of police of the Gallatin Police Department, upon being named Sumner Countian of the Year and commend him for his ongoing commitment to protecting and serving his fellow citizens through law enforcement. We wish Chief Bandy much continued success and happiness in his future endeavors.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy.